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In re Application of:

David E. Carlson

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Docket No.: 81001/101/102

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for finding the subject matter of claims 10, 11, and 22 - 31 allowable in the previous action in this file. Claims 1 - 5, 7 - 9, 25 - 28, 33 - 43, and 47 were finally rejected in that action, and applicant respectfully argues again for their allowance, excepting claims 7 - 9, now cancelled.